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To: South Dakota One Call Notification Board
From: Kurt Hannasch, American Underground Sprinkler
Re: Complaint 0C04-013

Dear Sirs:

I arrived on the job 9/7/04 and was starting to unload my tools, and I flagged the yard with my flags to mark where the sprinkler heads would go. Ms Beck drove up and said, "you can't dig yet!", I said "The homeowner is closing on the house and needs it in, where does the gas run?" she said "On the south side toward the street", and I said "I'll stay away from there" She left visibly upset, I thought she was mad that she didn't have her marking equipment and had to go get it. I then saw the Alliance Communications man next door and asked him if he could mark the lines for me, he said he was the one who installed the line, along with the power line, they were running together. He marked them. By this time Ms. Beck had returned and marked the gas line and remarked "you better not hit any" and said "I promise I won't" and she left and I began to pull the irrigation system in.

When I installed this system I was under the impression that if the utilities were marked, I could proceed. I have since learned that this is not the case. I now know that even if the utilities are marked it is not legal to dig until after the 48 hour notice has expired. I will not make this mistake again. American Underground Sprinkler will not excavate on any job until the 48 hour notice has passed.

Sincerely,



Kurt Hannasch
American Underground Sprinkler